

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 449

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Alphonso "Al" Bodie of Nashville.

WHEREAS, once in a great while, there comes along a man who, through his capacity for love and richness of spirit and faith in God, dedicates himself to touching and shaping lives; Al Bodie was one such man; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of one of this state's finest citizens, Alphonso "Al" Bodie, formerly the Tennessee Commissioner of Labor during the Sundquist administration, on April 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, after obtaining his B.B.A. degree in marketing from the University of Miami, Mr. Bodie worked seventeen years for the IBM Corporation and through hard work and dedication advanced in various management and executive positions in its Data Processing Division; and

WHEREAS, he then served four years as Commissioner of Labor for Tennessee as a member of Governor Don Sundquist's cabinet, in which position he was responsible for the management of a \$150 million budget and 415 employees, and he successfully led the effort in reforming the Worker's Compensation system in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, as Commissioner of Labor, he was responsible for providing services to 2.7 million working men and women and 120,000 employers in the State; and

WHEREAS, after leaving an extensive career in public service, Al Bodie, continued to have an impact upon his community as the president and chief executive officer of Bodie and Associates, a general business and government relations consulting firm; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who understood that citizenship entails many responsibilities, as well as privileges, Mr. Bodie was very active in the Nashville community; and

WHEREAS, he effectively utilized his incredible gifts to reach out to those in need of kindness and renewal of spirit by unselfishly giving of his time and talents to the Greater

Nashville Black Chamber of Commerce, the Tennessee State University Foundation, and Leadership Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Al Bodie was a devoted father to Fatima, Alicia, Michelle, Kelly, Ashley, Evan, and Erin and took pride in all of their accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, his faith in God was witnessed through his membership at First Baptist Capitol Hill; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to reflect upon the bountiful life and indelible legacy of Al Bodie; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we celebrate the life and honor the memory of Alphonso "Al" Bodie, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his legacy of effective and compassionate public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Bodie.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.